

Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing
Board of Commissioners, Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District
6061 South Pointe Boulevard
September 5, 2018
5:05 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 5:08 p.m. Commissioners present were Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Barbosa, Commissioner Dorsett, and Commissioner Taylor.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was observed

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda – none

Public Input on Business Agenda Items – none

Chair Taylor stated that he will defer to attorney Pringle to clarify some items. Attorney Pringle gave a brief overview of the millage and budget process. The board is required to hold two budget hearings – tentative and final. At the final hearing, resolutions for final millage and budget will be adopted. Tonight is the tentative millage and budget hearing. First there is a presentation of the proposed budget, then two resolutions are presented for adoption. The first resolution is to adopt a tentative millage rate, second is adopting a tentative budget. As this is public hearing, please call for public input following each resolution.

Business Agenda Items

1) Presentation of Budget

Chair Taylor invited Chief Howard to deliver the proposed budget presentation. Chief Howard stated that the presentation is in the same format as was done in the budget workshop. He began with anticipated increase in revenue, salaries, etc. Commissioner Walker questioned the 3% automatic raise without merit and takes issue with this. Chief commented that last year he looked at Consumer Price Index data for four years, and did average based upon on this. The 3%, 2%, 2% increase for cost of living was negotiated last year. Commissioner Walker questioned Commissioner Dorsett if she believes the salaries are in line. She affirmed that they are, and that the processed used is as well.

Chief continued presentation noting that retirement expense is relative to salary, and as wages increase, so will retirement contributions. Medical insurance is estimated at 8% increase, but Workers Comp is looking at a reduction. The divisional budget summary noted increase in operations which reflects the authorized vehicle acquisition. The administration budget reduction is due to not needing staff vehicle purchases as was done last year. Each division head presents budget which is reviewed and discussed to compute the proposed budget. Fund level budget which is being presented this evening will be brought together. Commissioner Walker questioned if division heads report on monthly basis; Chief states not monthly, but quarterly. They keep track of their budgets well, states Chief. We have checks and balances

including the percentages contained in treasurers' report. DC McMillion states that divisions are held to the fire to work within the submitted budgets, and DC Aquil responded that purchases are tracked down to the penny. Commissioner Walker then questioned the Prevention increase which Chief attributes to CPR/AED training. DC McMillion added that the PEIRO had a separate budget in prior years and is rolled into Prevention divisional budget.

Following presentation, request for public comment on budget presentation was made to which there was none.

2) Public Comment on Budget

Scott Vanderbrook, a resident of the district offered thanks to engine 71 adding that they took care in the handling of his emergency. He then added that he supports millage at 2.5 mills believes reserves should be at 10 to 12 million – our budget (referencing Estero Fire) is \$15,000,000 and reserves are \$11,000,000 and District should increase reserves for a rainy day. Commissioner Walker thanked Mr. Vanderbrook for comment.

Commissioner Walker then addressed CFO Winzenread stating that he would like pages numbered and would like to know what miscellaneous represents? CFO Replied that it represents rent from Lee EMS, donations, and other items. Commissioner Walker then questioned what the one-time payout is? CFO Winzenread responded that there is a one-time payout of accrued vacation time, up to 500 hours, and employees can sell back on two occasions during their career.

3) Resolution adopting a tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal year 2018/2019

Chair deferred to Attorney to address the resolution. Mr. Pringle informed that as part of budget process, a resolution is required to set the tentative millage rate, and proceeded to read into the record, **“RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019... setting the Tentative Millage at 2.5000 mills, \$2.50 per \$1,000 of net taxable assessed value) which exceeds the roll back rate of 2.4315 by 2.82%...”**

Motion (5571) to adopt Resolution 2018-03 as read into the record by Attorney Pringle was made by Commissioner Dorsett, second Commissioner Barbosa

Roll Vote:

Commissioner Barbosa	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Dorsett	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Walker	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Taylor	<u> Aye </u>

Motion carries, resolution adopted.

4) Resolution establishing a tentative Budget for Fiscal year 2018/2019
Attorney Pringle briefly addressed, and read into the record, **“RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019... setting the tentative budget of \$ 27,386,620...”**

Motion (5572) to adopt Resolution 2018-04 as read into the record by Attorney Pringle was made by Commissioner Dorsett, second Commissioner Barbosa

Roll Vote:

Commissioner Barbosa	Aye
Commissioner Dorsett	Aye
Commissioner Walker	Aye
Commissioner Taylor	Aye

Commissioner Walker then questioned the reserves added to budget and what was not used from last year’s budget adding that he would like to know the dollar value of the four years of pay cuts.

5) Determination of Final Budget hearing date

Chair Taylor noted that a proposed date of September 19, 2018 had been presented. **Motion** (5573) by Commissioner Dorsett to set the final millage and budget hearing for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 beginning at 5:05 pm. Commissioner Barbosa offered second... carried.

Commission comment – Commissioner Walker wants to keep gentlemen here and asks that they not take salary discussions personal.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Dorsett...

Meeting adjourned 6:09 pm.

Approved by: _____

Print Name: _____